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Sen. Allen announces water quality grants awarded to northern Michigan

LANSING – Communities across the 37th Senate District will benefit from Water Quality Monitoring grants, announced state Sen. Jason Allen, R-Traverse City.

The Three Lakes Association has been awarded a \$79,886 grant to complete the calibration of the Torch Lake predictive nutrient model by including Clam Lake and Lake Bellaire.

The Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency will receive \$5,000 to monitor inland beaches in Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet and Otsego counties.

“This is great news for northern Michigan’s waterways,” Allen said. “I applaud the efforts of the Three Lakes Association and the Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency for continuing to study and preserve our waterways.”

In total, grants totaling \$496,891 were awarded to 15 applicants across the state to aid local governments, nonprofit organizations and universities monitor Michigan’s water quality.

“Our lakes, streams and rivers are our greatest natural resource,” Allen said. “It’s hard to think of a better use of state funds than to help make sure our water quality is protected. We must make our environment a top priority so we can protect it for future generations.”

Funding for the Water Quality Monitoring grants is made possible through the state’s Clean Michigan Initiative – Clean Water Fund.

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